

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Mangiardi et al.
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Customer No. : 69821

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 7, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.